under Indira Awas Yojana, etc. Further Sensitisation Workshops for authorities dealing with the bonded labour are held regularly by the National Human Rights Commission in close collaboration with the Central and State Governments. A Special Groups under the Chairmanship of Union Secretary (L&E) has been monitoring the implementation of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 by holding regular region-wise meetings in the country. Vigilance Committees as per the said Act have been constituted in districts and sub-divisions under the Chairmanship of District Magistrates/Sub Divisional Magistrates respectively to identify the incidence of bonded labour and to provide adequate rehabilitation package to the identified bonded labourers.

Legislation for labour reforms

1177. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring forward any suitable legislation for labour reforms so as to ensure a larger safety net for both organized and unorganized sector workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have so far held any discussions in this regard with the employers, trade union representatives and other stakeholders in order to reach the consensus; and

(d) if so, by when such a draft legislation is likely to be brought forward before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. Safety net by way of social security to workers is provided through operation of existing legislations like the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 etc.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Child labour engaged in hazardous industries in Uttar Pradesh

†1178. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the programmes started by Government in Uttar Pradesh for rehabilitation of child labourers engaged in hazardous industries;

(b) whether Government have approved any projects for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the welfare measures under consideration of Government in the interests of the child labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) With a view to rehabilitate child labour engaged in hazardous occupations and processes, the Govt. is implementing National Child Labour Project Scheme in 250 districts of the country across 21 States, including Uttar Pradesh. Under the said Scheme, special schools are run for the child workers to provide bridging education before they are mainstreamed into the regular school education system.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The National Child Labour Project Scheme has been extended to 41 districts of Uttar Pradesh. In addition, a similar project, which is a jointly funded project of Government of India and Government of United States of America named INDUS Project is being implemented in five districts of the State.

(d) Under the National Child Labour Project Scheme, Special schools/ Rehabilitation Centres are set up, which provide following facilities to the children withdrawn from employment:

- Formal/Non-formal education;
- Vocational Training;
- Supplementary nutrition @ Rs. 5/- per child;
- Stipend @ Rs. 100/- per month to children withdrawn from employment;
- Health care facilities.

Non-payment of PF arrears

†1179. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several companies are not making the payment of Provident Fund arrears to their employees inspite of the re-peated reminders;

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